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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** JUN 18 2004

In re Application of: )  
Christie IV, Samuel H., et al. )  
Serial No: 09/650,120 )  
Filed: 28 August 2000 )  
For: Firewall Control for Secure )  
Private Networks with Public )  
VoIP Access )  
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Examiner: Sherkat, Arezoo

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### RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 19 March 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on 21 May 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, together with allowance of all claims pending in the present application.

Remarks begin on page two (2) of this paper.